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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: Tekchand Saidha  
KOICHIRO MIYAKE, ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 1652  
Application No.: 09/673,198 )  
: Confirmation No. 2149  
Filed: October 12, 2000 )  
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For: A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING )  
ISOPRENOID COMPOUNDS BY :  
MICROORGANISMS AND A )  
METHOD FOR SCREENING :  
COMPOUNDS WITH )  
ANTIBIOTIC OR WEEDING :  
ACTIVITY )  
October 24, 2003

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2003 to November 9, 2003. A check in the amount of \$950.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension in connection with this paper, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2003 (Paper No. 9), please amend the application as follows: